

ADDA F. THOMPSON.

JUNE 14, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SULLOWAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4584.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4584) granting a pension to Adda F. Thompson, have considered the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension at the rate of \$12 per month Adda F. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, Pa.

The Senate report states the facts and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, having had under consideration the bill (S. 4584) granting a pension to Adda F. Thompson, respectfully report as follows:

Claimant is the widow of David G. Thompson, late of Company F, One hundred and seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who died April 1, 1895. David G. Thompson drew a pension under the act of June 27, 1890, dating from February 4, 1895, at \$12 per month, until the time of his death. His widow, Adda F. Thompson, filed an application for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, on the 26th day of July, 1896. Her claim was rejected March 16, 1896, on the ground that she had other means of support than her daily labor. From the records it is shown that the widow has four children, ranging from about 15 years to 22 years of age, and that their total income from all sources is very small.

The deceased soldier left to his widow and children, jointly, a small farm in southern Illinois and a house and lot in Lajunta, Colo., and also a small amount of money. One-half of this property belongs to the widow and one-half to the children. The total income, as indicated by affidavit, for 1897 was \$240, \$120 of which fell to the widow as her lawful portion. During the time since the soldier's death the widow has supported herself and her family by keeping boarders, and has been in very straitened circumstances.

In view of the small income of the claimant, aside from her daily labor, your committee recommend that the bill pass with the following amendments:

In line 6 strike out the word "Mrs."

In the title strike out the word "Mrs."

In line 7 strike out the word "deceased."

In line 8, after the word "her," insert the words "a pension."

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass.